

and bulky, his hair long, thick, black at the points, and grey underneath ; his head was like that of a fox, but his ears round and shorter ; his eyes were large, and of a yellowish green, and over them a black band went across ; his snout was sharp, and his nose rather inclined upwards ; his under lip was less prominent than his upper one ; he had like the dog, six incisive and two canine teeth in each jaw ; his tail was bushy but tapering towards the point, marked with alternate black and white rings from one end to the other, and was at least as long as the body ; his fore legs were much shorter than his hind ones, and each had five toes armed with strong sharp claws. He used his fore feet to hold his food while eating, but his toes not being flexible he could not grasp any thing with one paw, but was obliged to use them both when food was presented him.

Though the raccoon is short and bulky he is very active ; his pointed claws enable him to climb trees with great facility ; he runs up the trunk with ease, and frolicks to the extremities of the branches in perfect security. On the ground he rather bounds than runs, and his motions, though oblique, are always quick and light. He is a native of the southern parts of America, nor has ever been found  
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